

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the indicated paragraphs of the specification in accordance with the amendments indicated below.

Page 1: Between the Title and the 1st full paragraph, insert the following heading:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION:

1st full paragraph, amend as indicated below:

The invention relates to a safety device for laboratory work, in particular for liquid chromatography systems ~~in accordance with the preamble to Patent Claim 1.~~

Page 3: Before the 1st full paragraph, insert the following heading:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION:

2nd and 3rd full paragraphs, delete in its entirety:

~~This object is achieved in accordance with the invention by a safety device having the characterizing features of Patent Claim 1.~~

~~Advantageous further developments are the subject of the dependent Claims.~~

Page 7: 2nd full paragraph, amend as indicated below:

Illustrative embodiments of the subject of the invention are explained below with reference to the drawings, whereby all the described and/or graphically represented characteristics, either alone or in any desired combination, constitute the subject of the present invention independently of their inclusion in the Patent Claims or their relationship. ~~The Figures show the following:~~

Between the 2nd and 3rd full paragraphs, insert the following heading:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS:

Page 8: Between the 2nd and 3rd full paragraphs, insert the following heading:

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS:

ABSTRACT AMENDMENTS

Please add the present abstract submitted on the following separate page.